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1. AS REPORTED IN REFTEL THERE WAS NO TEXT OF PM
BEGIN'S SPEECH TO THE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS ON MARCH 1 AND
NONE HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE SINCE. BECAUSE HE SPOKE TO A
HALF EMPTY HALL AT DAWN AND SAID LITTLE OF SIGNIFICANCE, THERE
HAS BEEN LITTLE INTEREST IN HIS REMARKS. HOWEVER, WE REPORT
FOR THE RECORD THE FOLLOWING EXCERPTS FROM HIS SPEECH AS
CONTAINED IN A PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY THE WZO:

2. BEGIN TEXT:

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GREET THE CHAIRMAN
AND MEMBERS OF THE ZIONIST EXECUTIVE CHOSEN AT THIS CONGRESS
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AND WISH THEM SUCCESS.

3. NOW, 30 YEARS AFTER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL,
WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF THE PROCESS OF ZIONIST SELF-REALIZATION
AS ENVISIONED BY HERZL. THIS PROCESS IS TWO-FOLD, CALLING FOR A
RETURN TO ZION AND THE CREATION OF AN EXEMPLARY SOCIETY. THE
JEWISH PEOPLE HAVE BEEN CALLED UPON TO TAKE PART IN THIS PROCESS.

4. TODAY, WE ARE ENGAGED IN A POLITICAL STRUGGLE TO ENSURE THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF OUR CHILDREN. IN THE COURSE OF THIS CAMPAIGN, WE MUST OFTEN SAY "NO". BY SAYING "NO" TO THE DANGER OF DESTRUCTION WE ARE ENSURING PEACE. IF WE ARE PRESENTED WITH A PROPOSAL OR DEMAND TO RETURN TO THE PRE-1967 BOUNDARIES AND ESTABLISH A PALESTINIAN STATE, WE SHALL RESPOND WITH A DECISIVE "NO".

5. FROM THIS PLATFORM I CALL UPON THE PRESIDENT OF EGYPT TO ENABLE THE RENEWAL OF DIRECT PEACE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, IN THE FORM OF THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY COMMITTEES.

6. THERE ARE THOSE WHO ACCUSE US OF A HOLOCAUST COMPLEX, AND IN REALITY, THE HOLOCAUST IS STILL FRESH IN OUR MINDS. ARE THERE CALLS FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF ANY OTHER COUNTRY, AS THERE ARE FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF ISRAEL? THE ENTIRE ARAB WORLD RECOGNIZES THE PLO MURDERERS AS A REPRESENTATIVE ORGANIZATION. THEREFORE, WE MAINTAIN DEEP CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE HOLOCAUST IN ORDER TO PREVENT A SIMILAR REOCCURRENCE.

7. ASSIMILATION IS RAMPANT AMONG THE JEWISH PEOPLE. IT IS A POST-HOLOCAUST TRAGEDY EATING AWAY AT THE REMNANTS OF OUR PEOPLE. THE ONLY WAY TO PREVENT THIS IS TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND JEWISH EDUCATION IN ALL ITS RAMIFICATIONS. WE
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MUST USHER IN A NEW ERA IN WHICH EVERY YOUNG JEW WILL LEARN THE HEBREW LANGUAGE.

8. WE SHALL STRIVE FOR ZIONIST ALIYA AND BEGIN ANEW THE PROCESS OF ZIONIST SELF-REALIZATION. ONLY WHEN WE HAVE WITHSTOOD THE POLITICAL TEST AND ACHIEVED ZIONIST SELF-REALIZATION, SHALL WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE TAKEN THE RIGHT PATH. END TEXT. LEWIS

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